

THE TOWN OF HURLOCK BAY RESTORATION FEE EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Background

In 2004, the State of Maryland established the Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) program to restore the vitality of the Chesapeake Bay by combating nitrogen and phosphorous pollution. The BRF provides financial assistance for upgrading wastewater treatment plants and other efforts to reduce nutrient flow into the waters of the State. As a revenue source for the BRF, a fee is charged to users of wastewater facilities, septic systems, and sewage holding tanks. The bay restoration fee is collected by local governments and other billing authorities on behalf of the State. Maryland law requires billing authorities, including The Town of Hurlock, to establish a program to exempt certain residential dwellings from paying the bay restoration fee because of substantial financial hardship. The program is subject to the approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Application Process

Applicant annually completes the Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Application and submits with supporting documentation to The Town of Hurlock, P.O. Box 327, Hurlock, Maryland 21643. The supporting documentation is to verify receipt of energy assistance, public assistance, or disability benefits.

Financial Hardship Factors

Applicants will be granted the financial hardship exemption if they receive a Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit and one of the following conditions is met:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy from the Department of Social Services;
- Receiving public assistance – such as Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Medical Assistance (MA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or other public assistance benefits from the Department of Social Services;
- Receiving disability benefits from the Veterans Benefits Administration or the Social Security Administration

Town of Hurlock, Maryland

Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Application

Instructions: Applications may be mailed to the Town of Hurlock, P.O. Box 327, Maryland 21643 or dropped off in person during regular business hours at the Hurlock Town Office, 311 Charles Street, Hurlock, Maryland 21643. If you have questions, call 410-943-4181. Please type or print all information required by this form.

Property ID #

Tax Billing Year

Property Owner Name(s)

Telephone Number

Property Owner Name(s)

Mailing Address

Property Address

City, State, Zip

Is this a residential owner-occupied property?

_____ Yes (Proceed to Question 2)

_____ No (If no, this property is not eligible for exemption)

Have you been approved for the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit for the tax billing year above?

_____ Yes (Proceed to Question 3)

_____ No (If no, this property is not eligible for exemption)

Are you currently receiving benefits from at least one of the following programs?

o Energy assistance subsidy

o Public assistance –supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps

o Veterans or social security disability benefits

_____ Yes (Please provide a copy of a recent statement)

_____ No (If no, this property is not eligible for exemption)

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare under the penalties of perjury that the information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Date application received _____ Verify Homeowner's Tax Credit Approval _____

Exemption Approved _____ or Denied _____